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SUBJECT: STORIES CONCERNING INCIDENT AT ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

1. REPORTS ABOUT A DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 24 BY TURKISH YOUTH AGAINST THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE IN ISTANBUL HAVE BEEN APPEARING IN THE ATHENS PRESS OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS. ACCORDING TO THESE STORIES, ABOUT 200 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TURKISH STUDENTS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE PATRIARCHATE AND SHOUTED ANTI-GREEK SLOGANS. THE STUDENTS WERE REPORTEDLY SUPPORTERS OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY AND CALLED FOR THE PATRIARCHATE'S EXPLULSION FROM TURKEY. SOME REPORTS CLAIMED SECURITY AUTHORITIES STOOD BY IDLY DURING THE DEMONSTRATION AND TOOK NO ACTION TO STOP IT.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE INCIDENT LAST NIGHT, A GOG SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATTER AND WOULD TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES WERE NECESSARY. WHILE SOME HERE VIEW THE INCIDENT AS RELATED TO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN TURKEY, MANY GREEKS SEE IT AS PART OF WHAT THEY
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CONSIDER TO BE AN OLD TURKISH PLAN TO RID ISTANBUL, OR CONSTANTINOPLE, AS THE GREEKS STILL CALL IT, OF THE PATRIARCHATE.
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